

Remarks

In the present response, three claims (9, 12, 13) are amended; and three claims (6-7, 11) are canceled.

The amendments in this after-final response are made to place this application in condition for allowance. Amendments with respect to claims 6, 7, 9, 12, and 13 occur as follows:

Claims 6 - 7 are canceled.

Claim 9 is amended to include the elements of allowed dependent claim 11.

Claim 11 is canceled since these recitations are added to claim 9.

Claim 12 is amended to correct dependency to claim 9.

Claim 13 is amended to provide proper antecedent basis.

I. Claims Rejection: 35 USC § 112

Claims 6-7 are rejected under 35 USC § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. This rejection is moot since claims 6-7 are canceled.

II. Claims Rejection: 35 USC § 102(b)

Claims 9, 10, and 14 are rejected under 35 USC § 102(b) as being anticipated by USPN 6,364,232 (Nemeth). This rejection is moot since claim 9 is amended to include the elements of allowed dependent claim 11.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above, Applicants believe that all pending claims are in condition for allowance. Allowance of these claims is respectfully requested.

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